

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
April 8, 2014

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger (by phone), Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Board of Education Members Present: Randall Walikonis, Katherine Paulhus, Mark LaPlaca, Martha Kelly, Sarah Lacombe, Susannah Everett, Superintendent of Schools Fred Baruzzi

Board of Education Members Excused: Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Jay Rueckl, John Fratiello

Staff Present: Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola, Finance Director Cherie Trahan, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente and Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jay O'Keefe

1. Staff Reports/Communication

Town Manager Matt Hart distributed an updated list of responses to Councilors' questions and flagged items; information and a draft letter to the Board of Education regarding PA 13-60, An Act Concerning the Consolidation of Non-educational Services; and information on the Town maintained cemeteries.

The draft letter to the Board will be revamped to reflect that the suggestion regarding the consolidation of legal services pertains to labor counsel.

Mayor Paterson welcomed Board of Education members to the workshop.

II. Other Agencies/Funds

a. Board of Education

Board Chair Mark LaPlaca reviewed the proposed budgets cuts and reductions and the reason for the increase in the per pupil cost. Superintendent Baruzzi addressed a recent editorial in the Mansfield Independent News publication and provided information regarding his travel expenses. Mr. Baruzzi and Mr. LaPlaca also addressed Councilors' questions regarding items the Board voted to restore including a Language Arts Coordinator, field trips and a .5 PE first year teacher.

Request for Information – Provide information on the amount the budget was increased with the .5 add back for the Middle School PE teacher.

b. Parks and Recreation Fund

Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente and Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jay O'Keefe reviewed the highlights of the previous year and the proposed budget. The Director of Finance explained the analysis done which identified the breakout between the fitness center costs and Parks and Recreation Department costs.

Flag – Parks and Recreation Department

c. Day Care Fund

The Director of Finance reviewed the Day Care Fund.

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d. Eastern Highland Health District

The Director of Finance reviewed the Eastern Highland Health District Fund.

e. Cemetery Fund/Long Term Investment Pool

Request for Information – Provide a balance sheet for the Cemetery Fund.

Request for Information - Provide information regarding the changes in expenditures from FY 12/13 through FY 14/15 for the Cemetery Fund.

III. Discussion of Proposed Budget/Council Questions

Mr. Kegler read a statement regarding the Mansfield Republican Town Council Member's Position on 2014/2015 Property Tax Proposal. (Statement attached)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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